

**CALFED Ops Group Meeting Notes**  
**Meeting Date: 02/21/07**

**Announcements**

None made.

**State Water Resources Control Board Activities**

SWRCB workshops on Pelagic Organism Decline will be held on March 22 and (if necessary) March 23, 2007. Submittals for the workshops are due by March 2. A pre-meeting for the POD workshop is scheduled for March 12. Staff will probably put together a list of questions for the POD workshop after the meeting of the 12<sup>th</sup>. There has not been any follow-up to the South Delta workshops yet. Staff is looking for a consultant(s) to use and may fund some of the work through DWR monies. The order on the Yuba River transfer should be out soon.

**Ongoing Activities Related to Ops Group**

The SWRCB approved the Fishery Response Plan for Joint Point submitted by Reclamation last week. Reclamation will post the plan soon on its website. Additional particle tracking runs have been requested by the Delta Smelt Working Group – DWR's Operations Control Office is performing the runs.

**Fishery Status**

Chinook (Winter Run) NOAA Fisheries has prepared a draft letter to Reclamation estimating the number of juvenile winter-run at about 74,000 fish.

Chinook (Spring Run) Winter surveys are being completed while NOAA and Reclamation are trying to stabilize American River flows. There have been 118 redds counted so far, which is about normal (average). For more information, please see the DAT notes. The rain 2 weeks ago caused a lot of movement of juveniles that have been picked up in the monitoring.

Steelhead – Nothing to report.

Delta smelt –The first salvage occurred yesterday, one smelt was taken at the CVP's Tracy facility. Temperatures are rising and are currently just below 12 degrees Celsius. The last Kodiak trawl had no mature females caught. Most were caught in Suisun Bay and the Sacramento River, none were caught in the south Delta. A new Kodiak trawl will be conducted today and tomorrow to see if they have or have not matured since the last trawl.

## **Work Group Updates**

DAT Update – Juvenile salmon have been showing up in fish traps but not in any significant way at Project export facilities. There were some Delta Action #8 experiments conducted this year, but no results have been reported so far.

WOMT Update – The only decisions recently made by WOMT were to manage the combined Old and Middle River flow between -3,500 cfs and -5,000 cfs. Fishery agencies have requested that this action continue through February but WOMT is re-assessing the need for the action on a weekly basis pending the results of surveys and monitoring. The EWA cost for implementing this action to date is between 45-50 TAF

VAMP Update – There is a Technical Group meeting tomorrow on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Otherwise there are no new developments to report.

## **Operations Status**

CVP – Still working on the CVP allocation announcement, the projection last week was based on a 90% exceedance hydrology. Some contractors have been notified that there allocation has been reduced by 25%, subject to further notice. CVP Wildlife Refuges have also been notified their allocations will be reduced by 25% The 30 day and 90 day forecast issued by NWS are for above normal runoff.

SWP – There was some drought relief during the second week of February. Oroville Reservoir captured about 200 TAF. EWA debit is between 45-50 TAF. The “starting gate” condition in February for X2 position was met, so the request to SWRCB for an interpretation of the objective was withdrawn. SWP allocations are currently at 50%. Article 21 is currently being made available up to 3,500 cfs total